

**CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14(HSS)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/3/14**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS KELLY, Fairclough, Giessel, Micciche**

**REPRESENTATIVES Muñoz, Kawasaki**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to health and social service best practice models and identifying citizen**  
2 **networks to achieve solutions to health and social problems in the state.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the rate of alcohol-related death in the state is 152 percent higher than the  
5 average rate for alcohol-related death in the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS** the rate of suicide in the state is 93 percent higher than the average rate  
7 of suicide in the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS** the rate of forcible rape in the state is 260 percent higher than the average  
9 rate of forcible rape in the United States; and

10 **WHEREAS** 75 percent of Alaskans report experiencing or knowing someone who has  
11 experienced domestic violence or sexual assault; and

12 **WHEREAS** 47.6 percent of women in the state report experiencing intimate partner  
13 violence; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in the most recent study completed in 2010, an estimated 18,296 arrests  
15 were attributed to alcohol and drug abuse, and the economic cost attributed to crime-related  
16 alcohol and other drug abuse in the state was nearly \$217,700,000; and

1       **WHEREAS**, according to the McDowell Group report titled "Economic Costs of  
2 Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Alaska, 2012 Update," the total cost to the state's economy in  
3 2010 for drug and alcohol dependence was \$1,200,000,000 and is growing at a rate of  
4 \$66,000,000 a year;

5       **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the identification  
6 and development of citizen networks involving natural helpers who are actively involved and  
7 influential in the community in which they reside; and be it

8       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages citizen  
9 networks to participate in the creation of positive community and social norms related to the  
10 prevention of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in the state; and be it

11       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the  
12 development of regional best practice models that address the state's critical health and social  
13 challenges, derived in collaboration with identified citizen networks representing  
14 communities across the state; and be it

15       **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the governor  
16 to support the development and use of regional best practice models in an effort to establish  
17 more effective and cost-efficient methods of addressing the state's critical health and social  
18 challenges.